

1 Thessalonians Week 6

1 Thessalonians 2:18

Who he is

1. **A Fallen Angel:** Isaiah 14:12-15 and Ezekiel 28:12-17
2. **The Adversary:** The name "Satan" itself means "adversary" or "accuser."
3. **The Tempter:** Matthew 4:1-11
4. **The Deceiver:** 2 Corinthians 11:14, John 8:44. Deceive and distort
5. **The Enemy of Righteousness:** 1 Peter 5:8
6. **Defeated Foe:** Revelation 20:10

What Satan Can Do:

1. **Tempt:** Matthew 4:1-11, remember 1 Corinthians 10:13
2. **Accuse:** Revelation 12:10
3. **Deceive:** 2 Corinthians 11:14, Revelation 12:9
4. **Influence/Possess:** Matthew 8:28-34
5. **Cause Suffering:** Job 1:6-12

What he is not

1. Is not **omnipresent-** Job 1:6, 2 Corinthians 4:4, John 12:31
2. Is not **omniscient-** Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6
3. Is not **omnipotent-** Revelation 20:10, James 4:7

What Satan Can't Do:

1. **Override God's Will:** He must seek permission from God to carry out his actions, as seen in the story of Job. Job 1:6-12
2. **Know the Thoughts of the Heart:** Satan cannot read people's thoughts or know their hearts as God does. 1 Corinthians 2:11
3. **Separate Believers from God's Love:** He can tempt and accuse, but he cannot separate -Romans 8:38-39
4. **Possess believers**
 - a. **Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:**

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV), it says, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession"

2 Corinthians 6:14-16a Do not be yoked together with those who do not believe. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? **15** What agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? **16** And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God

- b. **Protection in Christ:** "in Christ," Romans 8:1
 - c. **Authority Over Demons:** Luke 10:19 , Jesus says to his disciples, "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."
5. **Grant Eternal Life:** Satan has no power to grant eternal life; only God has the authority to do so. John 10:28
6. **Defeat God:** Ultimately, Satan is a defeated enemy, Revelation 20:10

What should we do?

1. Give no opportunity

Ephesians 4:26-27 Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and don't give the devil an opportunity.

2. Submit and Resist

James 4:7 Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. **11** Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. **13** For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. **14** Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, **15** and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. **16** In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. **18** Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.